

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7509–S7581

Measures Introduced: One bill and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1457, and S. Res. 211. **Page S7555**

Measures Reported:

S. 475, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency. (S. Rept. No. 111–46)

S. 1005, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–47) **Page S7555**

Measures Passed:

Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Walla Walla, Washington: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 509, to authorize a major medical facility project at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Walla Walla, Washington, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7573**

National Life Insurance Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 211, supporting the goals and ideals of "National Life Insurance Awareness Month". **Pages S7573–74**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7509–50**

Withdrawn:

Levin/McCain Amendment No. 1469, to strike \$1,750,000,000 in Procurement, Air Force funding for F–22A aircraft procurement, and to restore operation and maintenance, military personnel, and other

funding in divisions A and B that was reduced in order to authorize such appropriation. **Page S7509**

Pending:

Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1511, to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes. **Page S7509**

Reid (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 1539 (to Amendment No. 1511), to require comprehensive study and support for criminal investigations and prosecutions by State and local law enforcement officials. **Page S7510**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1511 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, July 17, 2009. **Page S7510**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 16, 2009. **Page S7574**

Appointments:

HELP Committee Appointment: The Majority Leader, under the order of May 5, 2009, and under the auspices of S. Res. 18, made a temporary appointment of Senator Whitehouse to serve on the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, while retaining the authority to make a permanent appointment to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. The Majority Leader, announced that as of Wednesday, July 15, 2009, Senator Franken be appointed to serve on a permanent basis to the slot that was occupied by Senator Whitehouse. **Page S7543**

Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Public Law 111–21, announced the joint appointment of Phil Angelides of California to serve as Chairman of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission. **Page S7574**

Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to